

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings Psalm 29
 1 Samuel 3:1-21
 Acts 9:10-19

Today's Scripture Verse: *The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. (1 Samuel 3:1b)*

What it means: These words begin the story of the calling by God of the child Samuel, who is living in the temple with the aging priest Eli. It was a difficult time, when it seemed that God had little influence in the world. The lesson in that for us is that it is often our disregard for spiritual things that is the problem, not the absence of God. When God's presence is recognized, our religious life ceases to become private and becomes instead the source of spiritual insight for the life of the world.

Our time of prayer: Gracious one, do not let our spiritual life be held privately within us, but let it be our motivation to declare your ways of justice and do your works of compassion, so that the world may hear the word you have to speak and vision may grow among us.

